

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 17th January 2010

IRTS Committee Meeting

Affiliated Club reps are reminded that the next IRTS Committee meeting will be held at the Maldron Hotel in Portlaoise at 11am on Saturday the 23rd of January should they wish to attend.

Haitian Amateur Radio Frequencies

All radio amateurs are requested to keep 7045 kHz and 3720 kHz clear for possible emergency traffic related to the major earthquake in Haiti.

ADDITIONAL AMATEUR FREQUENCIES that may be active with EMERGENCY traffic: are as follows 3977, 3985, 7265, 7290, 14265, and 14300 kHz.

REMINDERS: Avoid transmitting within 3 kHz (on either side) of these frequencies except for EMERGENCY or PRIORITY traffic.

Engineers Week

Engineers Ireland, Engineers week takes place from Monday the 8th of February. As part of this event activities are taking place all around the country.

In Dublin a new group is hosting an introduction to Amateur Radio for those who are not involved in Amateur Radio.

The same group is presenting more activities such as soldering, circuit boards & micro controllers. Places are limited and most events are free or at cost price. If you know of people who may be interested please pass on the word

Booking is via the website: www.tog.ie

All events can be found at: www.engineersweek.ie

North Sea Gas Platform Station

The first Amateur Radio HF activation of Shearwater Gas Platform in the North Sea will take place during SOS Radio Week Jan 23-31.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) provides a 24-hour life saving service in the seas and waters around the coast of the British Isles and SOS Radio Week is the perfect opportunity for Radio Amateurs to lend their support to this charity.

The website www.sosradioweek.org.uk/ reports that Charlie Christie, GM1TGY hopes to be operational from the Shearwater Gas Platform in the North Sea during SOS Radio Week - the first HF operation from the platform as, being a modern rig, it does not have a radio room. The above website lists additional activity from other SOS participants also.

Once again the website is www.sosradioweek.org.uk/

AREN AGM.

On Saturday February 6th all AREN members are requested to attend a meeting being held in the Park Hotel, Clonmel County Tipperary.

Contact John Ronan, EI7IG for further information.

CQ CQ calling news items

As is common through the year we have occasional lulls in news from EI. If your group or club are involved in anything that you would like to share with our Listeners or readers please pass on the information to our editor.

Wicklow Radio Club

Following their first successful meeting, it is hoped at the next meeting to have a station set up to receive digital modes for a demo. There is a request that if anyone is familiar with Digi modes and can provide an introduction on the night it would be much appreciated.

Further plans are also being made for Contest and Field Day participation, as well as activating the rare square that Wicklow Lighthouse is located in with 6m activity also planned in the summer.

The Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Feb 10th at 19:30 in the Glebe

National School, Wicklow Town. All are welcome to attend.

Rallies

The Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club's January Radio Sale will be held on Saturday the 30th January 2010 from 11am at Brownlow Resource Centre, Brownlow Road, Craigavon. Entrance fee is a £1 with a free tea/coffee to warm up with. This is a Radio Sale the actual Club Rally is being Held in May.

Phoenix A.R.C Rally 14th February

The Rally will be held as usual at Coolmine Community School near Blanchardstown on Sunday 14th February 2010. Doors open from 9am to 2.30pm. Usual traders will be present and to encourage a real Amateur Radio orientated Rally bring and buy tables will be free of charge.

For tables contact Tony at 087-2349997 or Tom at 01-8211043 this is the first rally of the New Year and usually a very enjoyable occasion. Refreshments and plenty of car parking are available.

Dundalk Rally 25th April

The Rally will commence at 11.00am, followed by the IRTS AGM at 2.00pm.

Further details for booking, traders tables or any other info please e-mail the following, Thos EI2JD chairman /at/ ei7dar.com or Peter EI4HX secretary /at/ ei7dar.com

Lagan Valley ARS Rally 20th March

The Lagan Valley ARS Rally will be held at 11.30am in The Village Centre, Hillsborough

Contact: Jim Henry, GI0DVU on 048 9266 2270

Mid Ulster Radio Club Rally 29th May

This year the Rally will be held at Drumgor Youth Centre, Drumgor heights, Craigavon. More details will be available closer to the time. If interested in booking a table for the event or for more information, please go to www.muarc.com or contact 0044(0)2838348451.

For more information on Rallies please check the IRTS Website.

This week in History

1788 12/1 First Fleet sights Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania).

1910 13/1 New York Metropolitan Opera first live radio broadcast.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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